

## REMARKS

The applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependencies and otherwise bring the claims into conformance with U.S. practice. It is believed that the scope of the claims has not been altered.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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